

REMARKS

Claims 4-9, 14, 16-22, 25-28, and 32 are pending. By this response, claims 1, 3, 10-13, 23, 24, 29-31, 33, and 34 are canceled. Reconsideration and allowance based on the above amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Allowed Claims

Claims 4-9, 17 and 25-28 have been allowed. Claim 32 is designated as allowable and has been amended to include all the limitations of its base claim and intervening claims to place claim 32 in allowable independent form.

Prior Art Rejections

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 2, 23, and 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Hashimoto et al. (U.S. 6,111,604); claims 1, 3, 10-14, 16, 18, 19, 22-24, 29-31, 33, and 34 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Abe (U.S. 6,829,004); and claims 20 and 31 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Abe. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Applicant notes that independent claims 1 and 23 and their respectively dependent claims have been canceled. Accordingly, the rejections with respect to these claims are now moot.

Claim 14 is the only remaining pending independent claim substantively rejected. Applicant submits that claim 14 should be allowable for the same reasons as claims 5 and 26. Claim 14 recites a cradle comprising a camera mounting section, first communication terminal and power supply switch for turning on and off the power of the digital camera. Applicant submits that claims 5 and 26 both recite the cradle as having a power supply switch which Applicant argued was not taught by the provided references in the response dated July 17, 2006. Subsequent to this response of July 17, 2006, claims 5 and 26 were deemed allowable. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 14 should also be allowable for the same reasons as claims 5 and 26.

Although Applicant believes claim 14 should be allowable based on the same reasons as claims 5 and 26, Applicant provides the following comments with regard to Abe.

Abe teaches a film scanning system in which a digital camera is attached to a film device. The film images are illuminated in the device allowing the digital camera to capture the film images digitally. The connection to the scanning device is a direct connection and must be a direct connection in order for the digital camera to capture the film image. Therefore, Abe fails to teach a connection via a detachable communication cable, as recited in independent claim 14.

Further, during the connection of the camera to the film scanning system, the batteries of the scanner provide power to the camera when the camera is turned off. Abe teaches providing power to the camera by the cradle scanning system, but not providing a switch at the cradle to turn on and off the power of the camera. The power of the camera must be turned on and off manually at the camera itself. Thus, Abe also fails to teach a cradle which includes a power supply switch as recited in independent claim 14.

Therefore, in view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that Abe fails to teach each and every feature of independent claim 14 as required.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections to the independent claims.

Conclusion

For at least the reasons above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 4-9, 14, 16-22, 25-28, and 32 are distinguishable over the cited art. Favorable reconsideration and prompt Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

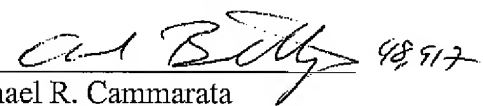
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicant respectfully petitions for a one (1) month extension of time for filing a reply in connection with the present application, and the required fee of \$120.00 is attached hereto.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Chad J. Billings, Reg. No. 48,917 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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